

**DSC chooses
Chris Knopp to be
new executive officer**

[Chris Knopp](#) has been chosen as the new executive officer for the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC). He retired from the U.S. Forest Service last year, where he had extensive experience with large-scale environmental projects. Details are available in a DSC [news release](#). Knopp replaces Joe Grindstaff, who is retiring.

**Chris Knopp****Two pieces of Delta
legislation signed
by the governor**

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. has signed two pieces of legislation dealing with the Delta. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 200](#) continues reimbursements to local agencies for part of the cost of maintaining and strengthening Delta levees. [SB 1278](#) will help communities prevent development in flood-prone areas. Both bills were sponsored by Sen. Lois Wolk (D-Davis), and both will take effect Jan. 1.

**SWRCB sets dates
for workshops on
updating 2006 plan**

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will be holding [two workshops](#) in the coming months to consider potential changes to the [2006 Water Quality Plan for the San Francisco/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary](#). The workshop on Oct. 1 and 2 will look at Bay-Delta fishery resources; the workshop on Nov. 13 and 14 will cover analytical tools for evaluating water supply, hydrodynamic and hydropower effects. Both will be in Sacramento.

**WestFAST newsletter
has details on EPA's
Bay Delta action plan**

The [latest edition](#) of the Western States Federal Support Team (WestFAST) newsletter includes a look at the updated drought report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. There are also details on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) action plan for improving water quality in the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary. WestFAST is a collaboration among 12 federal agencies with water management responsibilities.

**Ag committee to
review comments
on water guidebook**

DWR's Agricultural Stakeholders Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 11, in Sacramento, to review comments submitted for the draft [Guidebook to Assist the Agricultural Water Suppliers to Prepare a 2012 Ag Water Management Plan](#). When available, the agenda and other meeting details will be posted [here](#). The comment period for the guidebook ends Monday, Oct. 1.

**Online survey for
water utilities open
through tomorrow**

There's still time to participate in the [water utility climate survey](#) being conducted by the Water Utility Climate Alliance. It is looking for feedback from water utilities on the state of their climate adaptation planning. The online survey will be available through tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 28.

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